

HOUSE No. 3786

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary E. Grant

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act increasing access to medical care for veterans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
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Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
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Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3636 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 5 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby 2 amended by adding at the end thereof the
2 following paragraph:— (s) The authority and any regional or local transportation authority in the
3 Commonwealth shall permit any veteran, as certified by the United States Department of Defense, to use
4 commuter rail, subway, bus, shuttle and boat services at no cost to said veteran; provided that said veteran
5 is utilizing transportation to travel to or from a Veterans Administration hospital for medical care; and
6 provided further, that said veteran presents proof of a medical appointment on the date of travel in the
7 form of a notice from the Veterans Administration indicating the veteran's name and the date and location
8 of said appointment.